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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AT TANGSHAN

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR OGAWA AUGUST 5 PROVIDED US (AND CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES) WITH SOME PARTICULARS OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO THE COAL-FUELED POWER PLANT 20 KILOMETERS NORTH OF TANGSHAN FOR WHICH HITACHI WAS SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT. THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM COMMENTS TECHIMPORT PERSONNEL HAVE MADE TO HITACHI PERSONNEL WHO ARE BEING TREATED AT A PEKING HOSPITAL FOR INJURIES RECEIVED AT THE JULY 28 QUAKE IN TANGSHAN.

2. THE CEILING OF THE BUILDING HOUSING THE GENERATORS COLLAPSED. THE FIRST GENERATOR, WHICH WAS ALREADY INSTALLED AND HAD STARTED TO OPERATE, WAS DESTROYED. A SECOND GENERATOR, NOT YET IN

OPERATION, PROBABLY WAS DESTROYED ALSO.

3. A VERY HIGH CHIMNEY BUILT OF REINFORCED CONCRETE COLLAPSED.

4. THERE IS NO DEFINITE WORD ON CHINESE CASUALTIES AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, BUT THESE MAY HAVE BEEN GREATER AMONG  
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HIGHER RANKING PERSONNEL.

5. THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE STABILITY OF A DAM ON THE TOU RIVER (TOU HO).

6. SOME OF THE HITACHI PERSONNEL HAVE THEMSELVES COMMENTED THAT THE CHINESE, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING UP THE BUILDINGS AND CHIMNEY, HAD NOT APPEARED TO GIVE MUCH CONSIDERATION TO THE DANGER OF AN EARTHQUAKE.  
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